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SUBJ: RESULTS OF JOLIS VISIT TO CAE

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1. SCED/DDI PRESIDENT ALBERT JOLIS LEFT BANGUI MAY 17 AFTER A ONE WEEK VISIT. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT HE WORKED OUT A NEW PROTOCOL ON FUTURE OF SCED (TEXT POUCHED AF/C). PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF NEW CONVENTION IS TO DEFINE THE BROAD OUTLINE FOR A REVISION OF SCED'S STATUTES OF ASSOCIATION. UNDER PROTOCOL (A) SCED AGREES TO GIVE UP ITS CLAIMS AGAINST ARTISANAL DIGGERS. (B) SCED WILL IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES (C) SCED ACCEPTS INCREASED GOCAE PARTICIPATION IN THE CAPITAL OF THE FIRM AND A MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT ROLE IN MANAGEMENT. AGREE-
MENT ALSO INDICATES THAT SCED IS ANXIOUS TO RESUME ACTIVITIES (RESEARCH, PROSPECTION FOR GOLD AND DIAMONDS). IT WILL SUBMIT A PROGRAM TO THE GOCAE OUTLINING THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND UNDERTAKES TO GIVE NEEDED TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMERCIAL SUPPORT. PROTOCOL ALSO STATES THAT SCED WILL GIVE UP ITS PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISANAL DIGGERS.

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2. JOLIS HAS INDICATED TO US THAT THE PROTOCOL RECEIVED APPROVAL OF HCNES DEPARTMENT AND PRIME MINISTER. IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO LEGAL ADVISOR AT THE IMPERIAL COURT FOR HIS CLEARANCE. JOLIS WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE THE EMPEROR AND HAD NO INDICATION OF HOW THE PROTOCOL IS VIEWED BY BOKASSA. JOLIS HAS WRITTEN TO BOKASSA ASKING THAT PAST MEASURES AGAINST SCED BE LIFTED (I.E. UNBLOCKING OF ITS BANK ACCOUNT AND FREEDOM TO EXPORT EXISTING INVENTORY OF

DIAMONDS AND GOLD). IF THIS IS DONE JOLIS HAS PROMISED TO SEEK
NEW CAPITAL FOR RELAUNCHING OF SCED.

3. JOLIS APPARENTLY FELT THAT VISIT WAS USEFUL AND THAT GOVERN-
MENT IS MOVING TOWARDS SETTLEMENT; ACCEPTING AN END TO ARTISANAL
PROGRAM AND REFOCUSSING SCED'S ACTIVITIES IN AREA OF EXPLORATION.
JOLIS IS, OF COURSE, PRIMARILY CONCERNED IN PROTECTING HIS OTHER
INTERESTS IN THE CAE AND IS SATISFIED THAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO
KEEP SCED BALL IN PLAY THROUGH WHAT HE HOPES WILL BE SEEN BY GOCAE
AS A RESPONSIVE AND FORTHCOMING POSTURE ON HIS PART.
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